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SUBJECT: SOBER CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON

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QUOTE

FOR GORDON BROWN PASS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER
FROM LAMBRAKIS

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1. WE WILL MEET WITH ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MICHAEL
WEIR AT HIS OFFICE MONDAY 11 A.M. AND CONTINUE GULF
CONSULTATIONS THROUGH LUNCH. HE SUGGESTS YOU LEAD OFF
WITH DISCUSSION OF SAUDI ARABIA TO BE FOLLOWED BY IRAN-
IRAQ DISCUSSION FOR WHICH UK SIDE WILL BE HAPPY TO LEAD
OFF UNLESS YOU PREFER TO. NEXT MIGHT BE DISCUSSION OF
OMAN AND THE TWO YEMENS IN WHICH UK SIDE WOULD LEAD OFF
FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF GULF STATES IN WHICH UK ALSO
TO LEAD OFF. WEIR NOTES RECENT EVENTS HAVE MADE THIS
AREA EVEN MORE INTERESTING TO TALK ABOUT THAN USUAL, BUT
VISUALIZES DISCUSSION AS VERY INFORMAL. LAMBRAKIS AND
DILLERY WILL ASSIST YOU WITH NOTE TAKING.

2. TUESDAY SOUTH ASIAN CONSULTATIONS WILL BEGIN WITH
LUNCH ATTENDED BY DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY MICHAEL WILFORD
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AND ACTING DEPARTMENT HEAD COLIN SEAWARD ON BRITISH SIDE,

YOU AND LAMBRACKIS ON US SIDE. WILL CONTINUE IN FCO AS
NECESSARY. BRITISH FORESEE COUNTRY BY COUNTRY DISCUSSION
WITH NO SET AGENDA SUPPLEMENTED BY DISCUSSION OF AID, NU-
CLEAR EXPLOSION, AND GAN ISLAND. PARTICULAR TOPICS
WOULD BE POLITICAL STABILITY OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED,
INTERNAL CONDITIONS ESPECIALLY IN BANGLADESH, INDIAN
PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, IOPZ, ETC. WILFORD HAS BEEN
TOURING THE AREA RECENTLY AND WILL PROBABLY BE PRIMED TO
LEAD OFF WHENEVER YOU PREFER NOT TO.

3. PLEASE LET LAMBRACKIS KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY
MODIFICATIONS OF THIS PROGRAM.

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